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Prevent, for a limited Time, new Appointments in the Church of Ireland, and to restrain, for the same Period, in certain respects, the Proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for Ireland.

WHEREAS Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify that She has placed at the Disposal of Parliament for the Purposes of Legislation during the present Session Her Interest in the Temporalities of the several Archbishopricks, 5 Bishopricks, and other Ecclesiastical Dignities and Benefices in Ireland, and in the Custody thereof:

And whereas it is expedient to prevent the Creation of new personal Interests in the Established Church in Ireland through the Exercise of any public Patronage, and to restrain in certain respects the 10 Powers of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for Ireland:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

15 **1.** In case of the Vacancy of any Archbishoprick or Bishoprick or of any Ecclesiastical Dignity or Benefice in Ireland in the Gift of In case of Vacancies no new Her

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Appoint-
ment to be
made.

Her Majesty, or to which any Archbishop, Bishop, or other Ecclesiastical Corporation as such, or any Trustee or Trustees acting in a public Capacity, are or shall be entitled to present or appoint, it shall not be lawful to appoint any Person to succeed to such Archbishoprick, Bishoprick, Dignity, or Benefice; and upon the happening of such Vacancy the Management and Receipt of the Rents and Profits of all the Lands, Tithes, and other Emoluments appertaining to such Archbishoprick, Bishoprick, Dignity, or Benefice shall be transferred to and vested in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for Ireland subject to all Charges legally affecting the same, and the said Commissioners shall have Power to grant Renewals and do all other Acts which may be necessary for the due and proper Management thereof, and shall cause the same and the Proceeds thereof to be kept distinct from all other Funds, to be disposed of in such Manner as Parliament shall direct.

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Provision
as to Spiritu-
alities
in case of
Vacancies.

2. In case of the Vacancy of any Archbishoprick or Bishoprick, the Person designated by the Thirty-first Section of the Third and Fourth William the Fourth, Chapter Thirty-seven, to execute the Powers of the said Act during such Vacancy, shall be the Guardian of the Spiritualities of such Archbishoprick or Bishoprick; and in case of the Vacancy of any Benefice with Cure of Souls, all the Powers and Authorities granted by the One hundred and sixteenth Section of the said Act for supplying the Spiritual Wants of suspended Benefices shall apply and be exercised in respect of such vacant Benefice by the same Persons and in the same Manner as therein directed, provided that in regulating the Salary of the Officiating Minister regard shall be had to the Nature and Extent of the Duties to be discharged.

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Ecclesiastical
Commissioners
not to make
new Grants.

3. It shall not be lawful for the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for Ireland to make any new Grant for the building, rebuilding, or enlarging of any Church or Chapel, or for the building of any Glebe House, or the Augmentation of any Benefice, or the Maintenance of any Minister, or the Purchase of any House, Land, or Tithe Rentcharge.

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Future Lay
Officers to
hold subject
to the Plea-
sure of Par-
liament.

4. Every Person who shall be appointed to any Lay Office in connexion with the Established Church in Ireland after the passing of this Act shall hold the said Office subject to the Pleasure of Parliament.

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Duration
of Act.

5. This Act shall continue in force until the *First Day of August One thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.*

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